

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

APPROXIMATELY \$26,200.00 U.S.
CURRENCY,

Defendant.

NO: 2:16-CV-0025-TOR

FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

BEFORE THE COURT is the United States' Motion for Entry of the Final Order of Forfeiture (ECF No. 11). There being no reason to delay entry of Judgment, the hearing set for June 6, 2016, is vacated.

Plaintiff, United States of America, alleged in a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* that the Defendant currency is subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881. ECF No. 1.

The Court has jurisdiction over this matter by virtue of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1345 and 1355. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1395.

1 The Defendant property being forfeited is approximately \$26,200.00 in U.S.
2 currency seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Jamal Harris on or
3 about May 1, 2015.

4 On February 16, 2016, the U.S. Marshals Service executed the Warrant of
5 Arrest *In Rem*. The returned warrant was filed with the Court under the above
6 cause number on February 16, 2016. ECF No. 5.

7 Beginning February 17 through March 17, 2016, Notice of Civil Forfeiture
8 Action was posted on the official government website, <http://www.forfeiture.gov>,
9 as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or
10 Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions and as evidenced by the Notice of
11 Publication. *See* ECF Nos. 8; 8-1; 8-2. Based upon the internet publication start
12 date of February 17, 2016, the last date to file a timely claim—if direct notice was
13 not received—was April 17, 2016.

14 On or about February 16, 2016, Jamal Harris was served at his last known
15 address, via certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy of the Verified
16 Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem*, the Warrant of Arrest *In Rem*, and the Notice of
17 Complaint for Forfeiture. ECF No. 6. On or about February 23, 2016, the United
18 States received the certified mail return receipt signed by Jamal Harris and dated
19 February 20, 2016. To date, no response has been received from Mr. Harris. On
20 March 23, 2016, the United States served and filed its Notice of Intent to Move for

1 Entry of Default. ECF No. 7. On April 11, 2016, the United States served and
2 filed a Motion for Default. ECF No. 9. On April 11, 2016, the Clerk entered a
3 default order as to Jamal Harris. ECF No. 10.

4 This Court finds that any and all potential claimant's interest in the
5 defendant property has been resolved through the entry of the Clerk's Order of
6 Default as to Jamal Harris and that no other timely claims have been made to the
7 defendant property.

8 **ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED:**

9 1. The Defendant property is **FORFEITED** to the United States of
10 America, and no right, title, or interest shall exist in any other person.

11 2. The United States shall dispose of the forfeited Defendant property in
12 accordance with law.

13 3. The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order, enter
14 **JUDGMENT** accordingly, provide copies to counsel, and **CLOSE** the file.

15 **DATED** May 23, 2016.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas O. Rice".

THOMAS O. RICE
Chief United States District Judge